



**Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
2008 Summer Meeting  
September 19, 2008  
Brown Family Environmental Center, Gambier, OH**

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**9:00 OCAFS Meeting**

- 1) Call to Order and Welcome - Rich Carter called the meeting to order and determined that there was a quorum.
- 2) Officer Reports
  - i) President - Rich Carter – Meeting introduction and welcome
  - ii) President-Elect – Nick Radabaugh – Will report later
  - iii) Past President - Andy Burt – Went over meeting logistics. Need to organize elections prior to the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - iv) Secretary/Treasurer - John Navarro – Finances are stable and the balance is \$6,635.11
  - v) Webmaster - Kevin Kayle – No report, pages updated as needed.
- 3) Committee Reports
  - i) Member Services - John Navarro – Since John has taken the Secretary/Treasurer position, we are looking for replacement. Please advertise the need for Member Services Committee leader.
  - ii) Aquatic Stewardship – Eugene Braig has agreed to lead this group.
  - iii) Information Transfer and Outreach – Kevin Page – Working with ODW to get better fish pictures for the WEB. Kevin may get permission from Jim Negas from UT to use photos. Eugene gave Wisconsin's web page as an example for fish pictures. Brian Zimmerman also suggested NANFA as a source for fish pictures.
- 4) Old Business
  - i) Student Membership (Carter) – Group voted yes on having free student memberships through the Chapter. This cannot be done through the Parent society at this time. Rich will revise the form, Andy will e-mail announcement to members, and Kevin Kayle will post on the WEB. Graduate and undergraduates will need a supervisor's signature for a free membership.
  - ii) 2009 Student Life Sciences Forum (Carter) – Rich discussed having the meeting hosted by a university in partnership with the Ohio Academy of Science (OAC). Rich suggested having OCAFS to sponsor a section at the OAC meeting.

Eugene had a concern with the OFWC using invited speakers only which does not allow forum for students to present.

Eugene discussed the merits of the last tri-state meeting (IN, MI, OH). Nick will start planning the next tri-state meeting which could include the following: IN, MI, PA, OH, WV, and KY.
  - iii) Aquatic Stewardship position – Eugene will head up this committee.

## 5) New Business

- i) \$250 for OFWMA Conference Support (Carter) – Group voted to support OFWC as long as we hold our annual meeting at the conference.
- ii) OFWMA Update (Radabaugh) – The OFWC will be held at Fawcett Center on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “Advancing Fish and Wildlife Management in a Changing Environment”. Platform presentations will be invited only and posters will be open. There will be a job fair with representatives from various agencies with morning presentations and afternoon interaction opportunity (look into Ray’s talk on professions in Fish and Wildlife Management).
- iii) 2005-2009 Strategic Plan Update (Radabaugh) – We will be starting the process for updating the OCAFS strategic plan. We will be reviewing the goals and objectives section. We will consult with Scott Hale who was involved with the last update.
- iv) Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conf. Fundraiser / Additional Midwest Activities (Burt) – OCAFS will have a booth at the 69<sup>th</sup> Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Columbus (December 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>). A raffle will be a part of the booth which will only include large ticket items. Andy will collect items which include items from: hunting and fishing outlets, Don Arcuri (print) and Randy Sanders (frame), duck stamp print (chief), and items solicited from the conference exhibitors. Andy will ask Dave Scott (Wildlife Society President) if they want to partner on the booth and raffle.
- v) Continuing Education Fund (Burt) – Andy gave an update
- vi) Lake Erie Stewardship sign(s) – Eugene will pursue
- vii) OCAFS OSU Academic Subunit (Burt/Braig) – Andy and Eugene will pursue
- viii) Other

## 11:00 Water Trails Symposium

Doug Lead, ODNR Watercraft – Doug gave a presentation of the Division of Watercrafts Water Trail Program.

Doug McLarnan, Knox County Parks – Doug welcomed us to the Brown Family Environmental Center.

Kim Marshall, Knox County Parks – Kim highlighted the Kokosing River.

12:00 **Lunch** - a Subway lunch was enjoyed by all.

1:00 **Kokosing River Water Trail Canoe Trip** – Doug McLarnan lead us on a float of the Kokosing River.

4:00 **Return to Vehicles**